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COMMUNICATION.

WAUWATOSA, WIS., April 23, 1914.

My dear Doctor HALL:

Believing that an *amende* is due Dr. Adolf Meyer, Director of the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of Johns-Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, on account of failure on my part to mention his services in a recent paper,¹ I take this occasion to state the circumstances to the *confrères* to whom the reprint of the paper was sent, members of the Am. Medico-Psychological and Am. Neurological Associations.

In the paper referred to I spoke of the "Ward for Nervous and Insane Patients," "Pavilion F," at the Albany Hospital, established in 1902, as one of the first steps toward a "Psychiatric Clinic" later to be evolved. I should have added that it was in the same year that Dr. Adolf Meyer, having been appointed Director of the Pathological Institute for the New York State Hospitals, inaugurated an advance of the greatest importance in the same direction. A friend who noticed the omission in my paper and kindly mentioned it to me, states that in his opinion Dr. Meyer's signal accomplishments at the hospitals on Ward's Island led to Mr. Phipps' munificent gift to Johns-Hopkins University and Hospital and to Dr. Meyer's own promotion to a field of higher activity.

My inadvertence resulted from the fact that my paper had reference mainly to the Middle West and was prepared under great pressure for time.

I make the above statement more on my own account than that of Dr. Meyer. The matter can be of little consequence to him, but I am unwilling to rest a moment even under the appearance of injustice to another.

I remarked in closing my paper that it was "cursory and imperfect." It was delivered at a semi-popular meeting attended by many of the laity where much technical statement would not be appreciated.

While making the above correction, I wish to supply one other omission in my paper. I did not include in my sketch an additional fact worthy of mention in connection with "Evolution in State Hospitals"; that is the development of the "Colony" as an outgrowth of public hospitals for the insane. This addition to such hospitals was first adequately described by Dr. Henry M. Hurd in 1887² and carried out with decided success at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and later at various other institutions.

Yours truly,

RICHARD DEWEY.

¹ Forty Years' Evolution in Construction and Administration of State Hospitals in the Middle West. Reprinted from Illinois Medical Journal, issue of March, 1914.

² The Colony System as Proposed in Michigan. By Henry M. Hurd, Pontiac, Michigan, Proceedings Conference of Charities, Omaha, 1887.